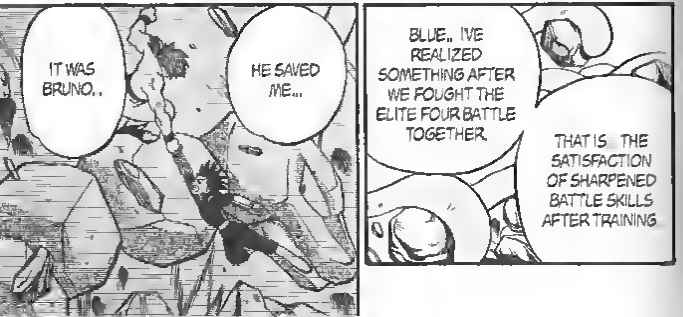
CHAPTER 176
THE LAST BATTLE X
KOGA!!
BRUNO!!
BOM
AND

HAI---YA!
BOM
BA BA BA BA
ARGH!! DOUBLE TEAM!!
...HAVE A TASTE OF THIS!!
PSYCH UP!!
LINE
BOOP
PASH

SWA
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME. GLAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, RED
AND YOU TOO, BLUE!!
TAT
AH!!
PUNCH
!!
DON'T BE MISTAKEN.
YOU WERE PLANNING TO DRILL ON, WEREN'T YOU?
THE GROUND FROM HERE TO ILEX FOREST IS MADE OF SOLID ROCK.
HA HA HA HA HA!! WE'RE NOT HERE TO FIGHT YOU!! WE'RE HERE TO HELP!!
WHAT?!
WE KNEW YOU'RE HEADED FOR ILEX FOREST, TO FIGHT THE MAN WHO DESTROYED THE STADIUM.
BUT WE KNEW WE'D BE MISTAKEN FOR THE ENEMY.
PU
MO
HEH?!
WO-AH!
WAH!
GOAW

HEHE ALLOW ME SAY THIS FIRST!
PUNCH
NEITHER BRUNO NOR I WILL WORK UNDER ANOTHER'S COMMAND AGAIN.
WE JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE NOW PURSUE BATTLES FOR OURSELVES.
UHM

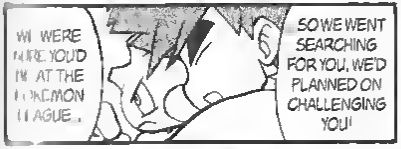
SO YOU'VE MADE IT THROUGH ...
YEAH.
WHILE ESCAPING UNDERGROUND ,
.. I WAS ALMOST KILLED WHEN THE ISLAND STARTED TO COME APART

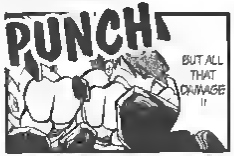

IT WAS BRUNO, .
HE SAVED ME...
BLUE.. I'VE REALIZED SOMETHING AFTER WE FOUGHT THE ELITE FOUR BATTLE TOGETHER.
THAT IS THE SATISFACTION OF SHARPENED BATTLE SKILLS AFTER TRAINING

I HAD BEEN LIVING UNDER ANOTHER'S COMMAND ALL THAT TIME, SO IT HAD NEVER OCCURRED TO ME THEN..

WHEN I MET BRUNO, I FOUND MY MATE IN BATTLE TRAINING.
WE BOTH SHARE THE SAME IDEALS ABOUT BATTLE NOW

RED! BLUE!!
WE'VE BEEN TRAINING HARD, JUST SO AS TO BATTLE YOU AGAIN!!


WE WERE SURE YOU'D BE AT THE POKEMON LEAGUE .
SO WE WENT SEARCHING FOR YOU, WE'D PLANNED ON CHALLENGING YOU!


PUNCH!
BUT ALL THAT DAMAGE !!

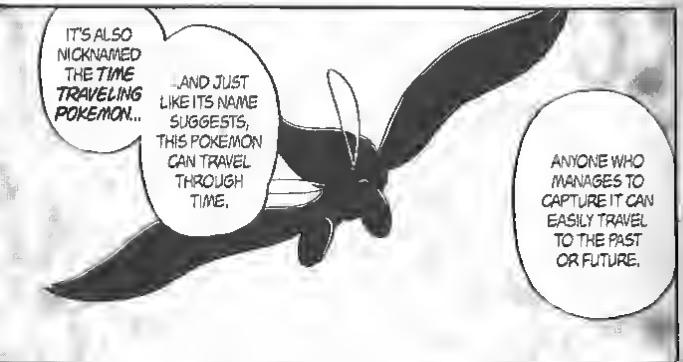
HONESTLY, I WISH I COULD BATTLE YOU NOW
BUT I KNOW I CAN'T HOLD YOU BACK FROM YOUR MISSION.

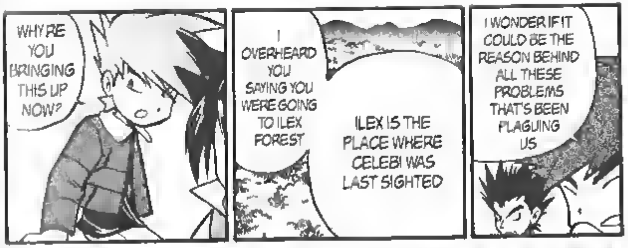
SO YOU HAVE OUR SUPPORT!!
WE SHALL MEET AFTER YOU'VE WON THIS BATTLE!!

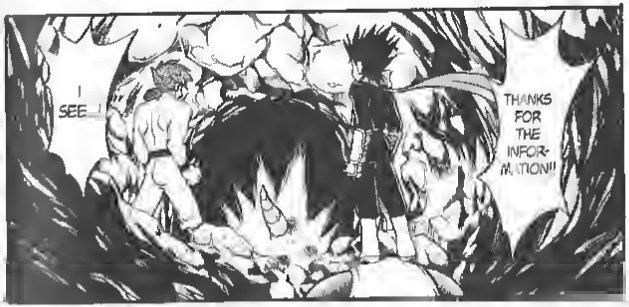
ONE MORE ROCK TO GO!!
THANKS !!
OH, RED!
HUH?

HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE POKÉMON CELEBI?

CELEBI?
NOPE, NEVER HEARD OF IT, WHY?


IT'S ALSO NICKNAMED THE TIME TRAVELING POKEMON...
...AND JUST LIKE ITS NAME SUGGESTS, THIS POKEMON CAN TRAVEL THROUGH TIME.
ANYONE WHO MANAGES TO CAPTURE IT CAN EASILY TRAVEL TO THE PAST OR FUTURE.


WHY RE YOU BRINGING THIS UP NOW?
I OVERHEARD YOU SAYING YOU WERE GOING TO ILEX FOREST
ILEX IS THE PLACE WHERE CELEBI WAS LAST SIGHTED
I WONDER IF IT COULD BE THE REASON BEHIND ALL THESE PROBLEMS THAT'S BEEN PLAGUING US


I SEE...
THANKS FOR THE INFOR-MATION!!

GAA
GAA
GAA

LOOK!!
RIGHT OR LEFT?
NEITHER!!

IT'S ABOVE US!!

GAAWGAAR
ZHOOM
SO THIS IS IT!!
OVER THERE!!
SHRINE OF ILEX FOREST.
IT SAYS GUARDIAN OF THE FOREST
COULD THIS BE WHAT BRUNO WAS REFERRING TO...
THIS MUST BE WHERE THE POKÉMON WAS SEEN...
!!

BLUE, WHAT'S WRONG?
SOME THING'S BEEPING
HUH?
EH?!
BEEP BEEP BEEP
BEEP BEEP BEEP
IT'S OUR POKEDEX.
THAT MEANS GREEN'S HERE TOO!!
COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU HAVE GREEN'S BLASTOISE, DON'T YOU?
YEAH, SHE LOANED IT TO ME
I MET HER ON MY WAY TO MT SILVER. SHE SAID IT'D BE SAFER IF I BROUGHT IT ALONG AND LEFT IT WITH ME
BUT WHEN I ASKED HER IF SHE NEEDED BLASTOISE FOR FLIGHT TRANSPORTATION
WHAT DID SHE SAY?
...SHE JUST SAID, "I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT FLYING!"
I WONDER WHAT SHE MEANT BY THAT...
MAYBE THAT'S WHAT SHE MEANT!